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Hon. Dwight D. Eisenhower
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Your invitation to Khrushchev temporarily stunned the American people. But they are now thinking out ways in which they can show this mass-murderer their true opinion of him. It is useless to talk of receiving him with traditional courtesy. For your invitation to this arch-enemy of American and world civilization is absolutely unprecedented. The people will see to it that he gets the courtesy which he deserves, and his reception will no doubt be of a kind that will preclude any similar invitation for centuries to come.

I respectfully urge you to avoid any public appearances or photographs in this bloody monster's company. These would degrade you personally in the eyes of the free as well as the enslaved world, and also the American people whom you represent.

Hoping that this unhappy meeting will not result in complete disaster, I remain

Faithfully yours,

Watson Washburn

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Cc: Hon. Allen Dulles

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